

Personal Interview Questionnaire

Name DOROTHY G WALKER Graduation year 1941

Today's date: May 14th 1991

I. MEMORIES OF MES:

- A. Why did you choose to study at MES? *It was one of 2 Can. Colleges offering PE - My mother negotiated for financial help!*
- B. What alternatives did you consider? *None, as far as I recall.*
- C. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES? *Friendships - rushing from site to site - it was interesting & fun.*
- D. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES? *Having to sit next to Mrs Marriott (warden?) at dinner. She ruled us with an iron tongue!*
- E. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories? *Nothing stands out - I liked most of it. Anatomy w. stiff, stiff cadavers was fascinating!*
- F. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories? *Modern dance w. a very disinterested (seemingly) teacher - & English country dance w. Miss Somers!*
- G. What do you remember about the school's principal and board? *Most students were apprehensive of Miss Somers - she was not easy to talk with - but I got along quite well. No awareness of a Board.*
- H. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....?]
- I. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES? *Parents paid mostly (I think)*
- J. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES? *A Christmas communication w. board each year. 40th Reunion in 1981, 45th in 1986; 48th in 1989 some 50th planned for this year.*
- K. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

A year's study in 'Movement Education' at I.M. Marsh College of P.E. in Liverpool, England - to keep abreast of trends within our Province (1958-59) at that time.

I now have an Honorary Doctorate from Acadia Univ. - but it was because of contribution in leadership etc in the Province, rather than study!

I am one of the few in our class - who has remained in the profession to retirement. Dorothy Liggett did also.

Note: we have only reached a little over 60% - despite continued efforts to persuade.

II. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 20
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: England
- D. Country of father's birth: England
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: Housewife
- Father's occupation: Small store owner
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- Town City: Kentville, Nova S
- Province: Nova Scotia Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- Ackworth School, Nr. Pontefract, Yorkshire, Eng.
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? VIth Form
- Was this a private or public school? Private (Br. 12 equiv.)
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19
- Married to: (name)
- Occupation of husband when married:

III. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

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Name Elinor Wallace

Graduation year 19 41

Today's date: July 8 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

I had one credit (modern history) I needed for
a high school diploma so I couldn't go to U of T -
(I took the history test in the spring & passed) I never regretted
my MES decision

II. What alternatives did you consider?

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The friends I made - the staff - the physical
conditioning - the dorm. life at 99 George St.
Interim camp especially great.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

I loved all of it, even the exhaustion -
the gym apparatus was a nightmare!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

the Danish (swedish?) gymnastics with
Miss Smelly - archery at camp - the anatomy
course at U. of T. - I really enjoyed all the courses
+ the informality as I came from a large H.S. &
had no particular identity there.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

trying to rescue a drowning victim for the Red Cross silver award. - approx the gym apparatus - modern dance (no talent)

It may be of interest to you that one of my sons became a modern dancer in N.Y. City.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Miss Sommer's perfect posture - she was quite aloof & I didn't get to know her - I wasn't aware we had a board.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

parents paid

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

only through the reunions in 1981-86-89 - & one classmate who lives in a city we often visit.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Y.W.C.A. in Windsor Ont.

" Camps for Hamilton & Lake Simcoe N.S.

" business girls classes & swimming at St. Catharines & Memphis Tn.

folk dancing for retarded children

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

no - I married & we moved frequently

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 20
B. Your country of birth: Canada
C. Country of mother's birth: "
D. Country of father's birth: "
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: homemaker

Father's occupation: dept. store owner chain

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: St. Catharines

Province: Ont. Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

St. Catharines Collegiate

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 5th yr.

Was this a private or public school? public

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 42

Married to: (name) Daniel Soucek

Occupation of husband when married: office manager

XIII.

Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? absolutely!

Come to N.S. for our 1991 reunion!

J

Name WELLMAN
Blanche Willman Graduation year 1941

Today's date: JULY 17 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

because I wanted to do physical education

II. What alternatives did you consider?

There were no alternatives at that time.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

the activity - perfecting skills -
Camp Tanawakeon

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

physical exhaustion on many
occasions

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Modern dance -

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Anatomy

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Florence Somers was an excellent principal along with Miss Layton Reedy. who showed ^{compassion} interest in all you did.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

mostly parents paid

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

I returned to a reunion in Toronto in 1963 and have enclosed the review. Then we had our 1st reunion 70th year (grads 1941) our 40th & 50th.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

then 2 more with another this Sept.

I taught first in the YMCA in Midland.

2) East End YWCA in Toronto -

3) John Inglis Rec. Centre in Toronto.

4) N. York Community Centre - Toronto.

5) YWCA in Kingston Ont

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

No -- married with 4 children

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 20
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Saleswoman

Father's occupation: Medical doctor

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto

Province: Ontario Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Oakwood Collegiate - Toronto

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12

Was this a private or public school? public school

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 44

Married to: (name) R. Beverley Lynn

Occupation of husband when married: finishing medical school (Queens)

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

Name Eva Campbell

Graduation year 1942

Today's date: Dec 5 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

Would you believe? My mother chose it for me! Because I had had
childhood rheumatic fever & had not been particularly
active - she thought (against MD's advice that it would
be good for me!

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Initially assumed I would take B.A. at Dalhousie -
where my older sister was - (in my home city)

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Everything. The opportunity to learn, the students who
came from all across Can. England, India.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Dieter medical screening suggested I might not be
physically able to handle the course. (I was!)
When Miss Somers said I could stay until I was
on probation.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

① 3 mornings a week in the anatomy lab - I could
easily lead the class in remembering origins & insertions
& so on! ② The English & speech courses were a snap
too. ③ Really loved the dance & gymnastic courses.

Miss Charlotte Layton - secretary was a big influence & support to students. A wonderful person! She retired here in N.S. in 1960 & lived to be over 90 - still available for reminiscing about M.E.S. - until she died.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

I was never much good at racquet sports and had to
work hard to "pass" tennis & paddle a war canoe.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

I remember Mrs F. Lomers with affection. Mrs Moore (Mauro's
mother) Mrs Kirkpatrick & soon but not board members.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

Parents paid - This was the early 40's when a summer at a
camp after paid an honorarium of \$5 or \$10!!

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

I lived in Toronto for 40 yrs & we had reunions. Leth South Project was
the key in arranging for them - Past years it has been incidental

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

- Much! Chairperson local 7 Skating Club (50's & 60's) Marked patches at
7 AM, 2 mornings a week, organized aft sk for kids etc.!!
- Group ldr for YW. in low cost housing - led to being asked
to carry out a Fitness Testing Project for Women 1967-68 - this was
a national project. Report filed at YWCA. & initiated when →

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

- Continued - Post Grad courses in Law on Supervision, Management, Financial
planning, social work. U of T. York & Leeson.
- Studied figure skating, modern dance & rhythmic gymnastics.

~~that~~ there were various assumptions around fitness —

- that it was of no interest to I
- that it might be used as a motivational tool
- that I went to programs for social & recreational needs.

After that stint I worked for a local Y in To - 1968-72

introduced numerous types of program - I recall the hassle when I started YOGA - (you wouldn't believe it now). Introduced line paintings (defining a standard of program the Y wouldn't be able to keep up! At that time the thinking of some was that the phy. ed. program was "just to entice people in so they could be led to involve themselves in more worthwhile projects". It certainly wasn't my thinking so it made for an exciting 4 years.

I've rambled on - Enjoying recalling what my involvement with N. E.S. led to —

At one time in To. I did a series on T.V. on good body mechanics - with a cracking teacher (Ruth James)

Now I can watch the Olympic skating & see an Olympic dance coach who I remember when she was 8 & in our club - a commentator I worked patches for - judges I knew when I was involved with skating clubs. Wonderful memories I'd never had if I hadn't been introduced to figure skating at age 17. (barely 17 when I set off for To.)

- have to Elderahies & a Spanish class at Dal - An exam postponed my telling this out sooner.

Thanks for sparking a trip down memory lane.

Eva Munro

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 1923
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Housewife

Father's occupation: Lumberman in Sawmill Owner & Operator

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Halifax

Province: N.S. Country: _____

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Bloomfield High

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12

Was this a private or public school? _____

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1943

Married to: (name) John Munro

Occupation of husband when married: Prof. Engineer

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Yes.

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on? From the class of 42 I have addresses for Jean King Morrison, Anne Thompson Roper, Mary Shirton Andres, Peggy Stewart Cawley, Pauline Sellers Hill, Eva Campbell Munro, Jean Finch Schick, Ruth Scott Prophet, and Lois Creighton Harnish, and I understand that Sirkka Sterner Omholt-Jensen, Mary Thompson Morgan and Libby Seccombe Turner are deceased. Do you know others?



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